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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 27 July 2005 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☐ entered.

b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

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d) ☒ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

*Amendment raises new issues.*



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The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 19 May 2005 was filed after the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance on 13 May 2005. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner. Since the reference is in a foreign language, only the brief English description of a fraction of the reference has been considered.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jacob Lipman whose telephone number is 571-272-3837. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 7 AM-3 PM.

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